# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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SHOOTING INCIDENT AT VIRGINIA UNIVERSITY
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether an Indian student and a professor are among the victims of the recent shooting incident at the Virginia Technology University Campus in the US;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the matter with the US authorities;

(d) if so, the details thereof including the kind of assistance being provided to them; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

## Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI PRANAB MUKHERJEE)

(a)-(b) Yes. Amongst those who perished in the shooting were Prof. G.V. Loganathan, Professor in the Engineering Department of the University and Ms. Minal Panchal, a first year Building Science student in the Faculty of Agriculture. Prof. Loganathan was a US citizen with OCI status, while Ms. Panchal was an Indian citizen.

(c)-(e) Senior officials of the Indian Embassy established contact with US authorities and met Indian students at the University immediately after the incident. The Indian Embassy in Washington provided all possible help to the affected Indians. The Embassy was closely involved in assisting the families of the missing/deceased Indians. Passports for four members of Prof. Loganathan's family were arranged by Passport Office, Chennai on an emergency basis and nine family members were flown to United States with tickets purchased by the Government of Tamil Nadu.